



SHARING THE LIGHT

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to grow together in Christ through Prayer, Worship, and Education and to spread the love of Christ to our community.

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LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship Newsletter Article – November 2023

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.



Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship

November



November 2023

Ushers Craig Boehne, Dave Lassanske, and Don Lammerts

Greeters: November 5 Connie Kean
November 12 Pat Caballero
November 19 Sharon Corey
November 26 Norma Boehne

Readers: November 5 and November 19 Richard Swanson
November 12 and November 26 Christine Geltz

Gatherings:

Mission Development's Trunk & Treat, October 31, Tuesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich, November 1, Wednesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Load the Van to Friends in Deed, November 3, Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Mission Development Team Meeting, November 9, Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

Volunteers at Friends in Deed in Pasadena CA, November 11, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Temple City Historical Museum, November 12, Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Board of Directors' Meeting, November 19, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Midweek Service and lunch, November 22, Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

with lunch after the service at 12:00 noon

Sunday Worship Times, November 5, 8:30 a.m.
November 12, 8:30 a.m.
November 19, 8:30 a.m.
November 26, 8:30 a.m.

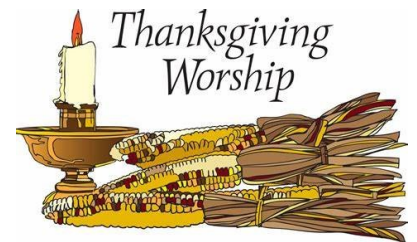
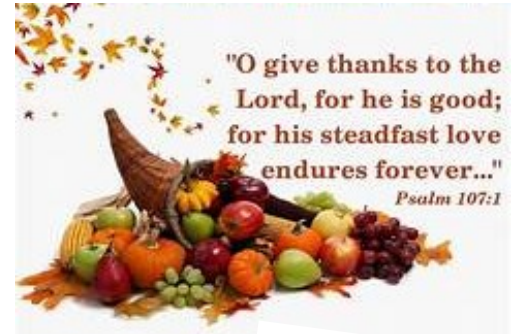
Sunday School Times, Every Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Not receiving email special announcements and/or prayer requests??

Electronic Newsletter: If you are currently not receiving emails and would like to be included, please share your email address with the Church Administrator (Elizabeth Yu) at:

admin@firstlutherantc.org, or call:(626) 287-0968 and leave a message if you prefer to have a hard copy mailed out to you.

Pastoral Care: Pastor Scott Ganas at: (951) 795-8162 or
Board of Directors Chairman, Judy Gunther at: (626) 833-5613.



Thanksgiving Lunch

Celebrate God's Goodness

**on Wednesday, November 22
Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
followed by Lunch at 12:00 noon
in the Fellowship Room**



**First Lutheran Church
9123 Broadway, Temple City CA 91780**

For more information, contact the church at:

(626) 287-0968 or

admin@firstlutherantc.org



Friends in Deed

Members and friends of First Lutheran Church in Temple City contributed 614 pounds of shelf stable food items to Friends in Deed during the month of September. This nonprofit organization has been helping people for over 125 years. First Lutheran Church in Temple City supports this ministry by taking monthly food donations to their site in Pasadena, CA. Please consider contributing food items. You can give your donations to the ushers.

Mission Development Team

We are looking forward to greeting our neighbors as we provide treats from the trunks of our cars. Please consider joining us for this fun neighborhood event. Last year, we not only passed out candies but also passed out balloons, stickers, etc. All you need to do is come with treats and a few seasonal decorations in your trunk. The students from Foothill Preparatory High School are also planning some activities for the children on October 31st, 2023 as well. Let Jo Tschopp know by sending her an email at: jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org.



First Wednesday Soup and Sandwich

On November 1st at noon time, we will again welcome representatives from the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area to share information about local birds in our urban environment. Please join us for this informative presentation and invite your neighbors.



Temple City Historical Museum

Several church members are planning to go to the Temple City Historical Museum on November 12th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. This is located in the Woman’s Club Hall on 9704 Woodruff Avenue in Temple City CA 91780. The museum is open every 2nd Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Let Jo Tschopp know ahead of time if you are planning to attend at: jtschopp@firstlutherantc.org or at: (626) 256-8333.

Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.



You may, also, access and/or review Pastor Scott’s sermon online by going to: <https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>.

Thanksgiving luncheon Invitation from Foothill Preparatory High School

You are cordially invited to the High School’s Thanksgiving luncheon on Friday – November 17th, 2023 from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Please join them as the school show some of these students firsthand what Thanksgiving is all about.

**Open Table Invites You
to join us for**

Thanksgiving Lunch

Celebrate God's Goodness

FROM 12:00PM-1:30PM

NOVEMBER 17 FRIDAY

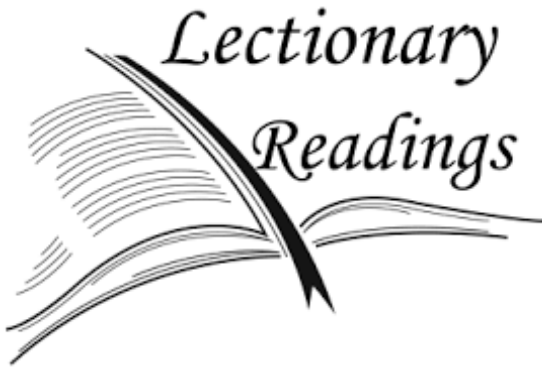
**at Parish Hall
All are welcome!**



Foothill Preparatory School

Contact: Richard Swanson

(626)282-9936



Reading the Lectionaries

Here are the lectionaries for November as they travel to various books of the Old Testament, Psalms, and the Gospel as we remember the saints that had gone before us, and also give thanks and praises to our Lord during this Thanksgiving:

| | <u>Old Testament</u> | <u>Psalm</u> | <u>Epistle</u> | <u>Gospel</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| November 5 | Micah 3:5–12 | Psalm 43 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12 | Matthew 23:1–12 |
| November 12 | Amos 5:18–24 | Psalm 70 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 | Matthew 25:1–13 |
| November 19 | Zephaniah 1:7–16 | Psalm 90:1–12 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 | Matthew 25:14–30 |
| November 22 <i>(Thanksgiving Eve)</i> | Deuteronomy 8:1–10 | Psalm 67 | Philippians 4:6–20 | Luke 17:11–19 |
| November 26 <i>(Last Sunday of the Church Year)</i> | Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 | Psalm 95:1–7a | 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 | Matthew 25:31–46 |

Birthday this month



Philip Caballero *November 5*
Margaret Bradfute *November 26*
Monica Ganas *November 29*

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Rev. Scott Ganas, Pastor

8:30 a.m. TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Holy Communion every 1st & 3rd Sundays only

9:45 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY

Every Sunday